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For: SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2002, having a period for response set to expire on January 18, 2003.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

Claims 1 - 7 are pending and reconsideration is requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) (Claim 1):

In the Office Action, at page 2, numbered paragraph 2, independent claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Jones et al. (U.S. Patent 6,404,764 B1). This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Regarding claim 1, the Examiner states that Jones et al. describes a telecommunication apparatus 38 (Fig. 5) for initiating and receiving voice and data comprising a first port 40 to connect said apparatus to a circuit switched telecommunication network (POTS or PSTN), a